

Attorney Docket No.: 27614U

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

KAUTZ

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For: **NOVEL AMIDO-SUBSTITUTED HYDROXY-6-PHENYLPHENANTHRIDINES AND THEIR USE AS PDE4 INHIBITORS**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1-12, 14 and 17-18 and cancel claims 13, 15 and 16 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein and add new claim 19 as outlined in Appendix A entitled "Claim Amendments", attached herewith.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification at page 1, line 1 as outlined in Appendix B, attached herewith.

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Please enter the Abstract of the Disclosure as outlined in